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Moscow Press Censorship

London, March 9.
Messages reaching London and New York indicate that foreign correspondents in Moscow are concerned at the new censorship arrangement under which they are no longer able to see their despatches after they had been censored.

They do not know what has been cut or changed or when despatches are retained for transmission and have no opportunity to object to the changes or to withdraw their messages if they consider their meaning has been altered by censorship action.

This follows the Soviet decision that correspondents' copies as from March 1 must be handed in direct to the Central Telegraph Office where they will be censored and stamped by the Soviet Foreign Office before departure. —Reuter.

Washington Awaits Soviet Reply

WASHINGTON, MAR. 9.
OFFICIAL WASHINGTON ANXIOUSLY AWAITED TO-DAY A RUSSIAN REPLY TO THE UNITED STATES APPEAL FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS FROM IRAN.

Some officials believe the reply may go far toward determining whether American-Russian relations improve or continue to grow more strained.

Nikolai Novikov, Chargé d'Affaires of the Russian Embassy, made his first diplomatic call in months on Secretary of State Byrnes. Officials said later he did not discuss either of the two United States notes to Moscow—one regarding Iran and the other regarding Manchuria.

Optimists expressed the hope that these developments are straws in the wind, indicating better relations:

Russia's decision to send a delegation to the international monetary conference announcement that the United States, Russia and Britain had agreed on a plan for dividing Germany's remaining merchant ships while permitting the Reich to keep 200,000 gross tons of shipping.

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CHINESE COMPANY LAW CHANGED

CHUNGKING, MAR. 9.
ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF AMERICAN, BRITISH, CANADIAN AND AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS EXPERTS, THE DRAFT OF CHINA'S NEW COMPANY LAW HAS BEEN CHANGED AND MODIFIED.

Many alterations have been made in the final draft, principally in the interest of foreign investments and for assistance in the postwar reconstruction of China. Whereas the former company law required a foreign firm to pay a registration and incorporation fee on the basis of 50 per cent. of its prescribed capital, the new law only demands a uniform round sum of C.N.\$1,000, chargeable to a foreign company of any size, at the time of registration and incorporation.

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GRIM FIGURES Traffic Accident Toll In Hong Kong

"Folly, Ignorance And Stupidity"

THIRTY-ONE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED, 112 SERIOUSLY INJURED AND 40 SLIGHTLY HURT IN HONG KONG STREET ACCIDENTS SINCE LAST NOVEMBER.

THOSE ARE GRIM FIGURES SHOWING IN AN EMPHATIC AND UNCOMPROMISING WAY THE NECESSITY FOR MORE INTELLIGENT BEHAVIOR ON THE HIGHWAYS BOTH BY PEDESTRIANS AND DRIVERS.

Rice Ration Applications

IN CONNECTION WITH APPLICATIONS FOR RICE RATION CARDS OR FOR ADDITIONS TO EXISTING CARDS UNDER THE NEW SCHEME ANNOUNCED ON FRIDAY, AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT YESTERDAY:

Applications should be sent to the Rice Controller's Office, Mercantile Bank Building, 2nd floor, accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope of the applicant.

Applicants who have employment under the Administration or in an essential service should have their application endorsed by the Head of the Department, certifying the employment of the applicants.

Where the application is based on the ground that the applicant had been resident in the Colony for at least seven years before the Pacific war, the application must be accompanied by some certificate or other document proving such residence.

Where the application is based on the ground that it is an exceptional case, full facts should be stated to show why it is an exceptional case.

The Rice Controller can accept only written applications.

"Queen Elizabeth" Fire Mystery

SOUTHAMPTON, MAR. 9.
THE POLICE SET UP HEADQUARTERS HERE LAST NIGHT TO INVESTIGATE SABOTAGE POSSIBILITIES AS A RESULT OF THE FIRE ABOARD THE LINER "QUEEN ELIZABETH."

THE FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED IN 90 MINUTES AFTER EATING ITS WAY THROUGH THE BOAT DECK NEAR THE STERN AND LEAVING AN UNUSED HOSPITAL WARD ON THE PROMENADE DECK A MASS OF TWISTED GIRDERS, CHARRED WOODWORK AND BURNED OUT BEDSTEADS.

There was no immediate estimate of the damage to the liner, insured for \$6,000,000.

Mr. F. Crail, General Manager of the Cunard-White Star Line, said that an inquiry had failed to determine the cause of the fire on the "Queen Elizabeth" but declared "I don't want to say that it is sabotage but certain views have been expressed."

NO EXPLANATION

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TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Nov. & Dec., 1945 — Jan. & Feb., 1946

Type of Vehicle	Death	serious Injury	slight Injury	Total
MOTOR TRUCK				31
Civilian	8	17	6	31
Service	8	19	7	34
MOTOR BUSES				4
Civilian	1	3		4
MOTOR CARS				19
Civilian	2	11	6	19
Service	1	12	6	18
JEEPS				27
Service	4	10	7	27
MOTOR CYCLES				30
Service	4	17	9	30
Civilian	4	13	8	30
UNKNOWN				15
Presumed	3	7	5	15
Civilian	3	4	3	15
TOTAL	22	71	33	120
Service	9	40	16	65
Civilian	81	111	49	191

Of the street accidents reported to the Police during the last four months, 43 per cent. have been caused by pedestrians jay-walking across the road; 38 per cent. are attributed to careless driving; 15 per cent. as a result of passengers alighting from moving vehicles. In 16 cases excessive speed caused the accident.

The loss of lives and broken limbs which have resulted from street accidents here since the re-occupation could be reduced to infinitesimal figures if the ordinary rules of the road were to be observed by pedestrians and drivers alike.

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WHY THE "E-SANG" WAS DELAYED

British and American naval patrols, a Chinese Army patrol and a strong squad of the Shanghai police had to be turned out to enable the Indo-China S.N.C. Co.'s s.s. "E-sang" to clear for Hong Kong on March 5th, passengers told the "China Mail" shortly after the ship arrived here yesterday.

The ship's original departure date was to have been February 28th, but this was postponed to March 1st. Passengers who had purchased tickets from the Company found, when they attempted to go on board on March 1st, however, that there were already 400 people on deck who had gone on board to buy their tickets from the compradore the day before.

The latter refused to get off the ship, whereupon passengers ashore who had bought tickets rushed the gangways and crowded on board, seriously overcrowding her. For the next two days, the police endeavoured to clear the ship, being considerably hampered by a troupe party made up of 31 armed Chinese soldiers and 20 men of the compradore's staff who had been engaged as cooks in Shanghai.

This came to a head on the afternoon of March 3rd when a policeman, attacked by a Chinese soldier, fired a warning shot and then hit him over the head with the butt of his revolver. The police thereupon called for reinforcements, and within an hour a squad of 30 armed Chinese soldiers, an American naval patrol of 25 men and, a little later, a British naval patrol arrived and succeeded in clearing the ship of its excess passengers.

Among the passengers with tickets, however, were 12 of the original party of 31 Chinese soldiers, and passengers told the "China Mail" that the sailing of the ship had to be delayed till March 5th, when they were removed by a Chinese Army launch.

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COCKTAIL PARTY FOR C-IN-C.

The Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Lord Fraser, G.C.B., K.B.E., was the guest of honour at a cocktail party given on the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday afternoon by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. About 250 people were present, representing the local Chinese and European communities and the Services.

Among those present were Commodore E. M. Evans-Lombe, C.B., Commodore D. E. Everett D.S.O., M.B.E., Air-Commodore W. A. D. Brook, Lieut.-Col. R. G. de M. Leathes, Col. W. M. Thomson, Mr. George D. Hopper, Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins, Mr. Tung Chung-wai, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. M. K. Lo, Dr. Arthur W. Woo, and many others.

News Retrospect

The Passage of the Wehrmacht

A vanquished army, pride of the German Reich, is passing into oblivion. In the British control zone of Germany the operation "Clodber," by which the *Wehrmacht* is being dispersed is nearly over, and the disbandment of the German Army almost completed. Since the capitulation has been signed by 99 per cent. of its total now stand, at under a quarter of a million. "Clodber" is the last of a series of similar disbanding operations, the first of which was planned by SHAEF before the final collapse. The titles of the various operations have all been subtly indicative of the category of personnel being released. "Barleycorn" was the code word for the disposal of agricultural workers; "Cord-south" applied to miners; "Shuttle" was the appellation given to the exchange of men between the American and British zones; and during the winter months, when the disbandment was slowed down, the operation was called "Trickle." And so to "Clodber." The final operation was started towards the end of last year at a time when Marshal Zhukov was criticising the presence of German units in the British zone. But the work will not finish completely with this operation. There are still many hundreds of prisoners-of-war in Canada and Britain to be disbanded, and it is estimated this further task will take at least another year.

A Call to the Nation

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, in a broadcast speech reminiscent in phrasology of the stirring orations of Mr. Churchill, appealed to the British people for a revival of the wonderful team spirit so manifest during the war years. The Prime Minister stressed that Britain's export trade was the only transacting agency by which the goods so urgently needed could be purchased from abroad. The foreign investments, which before the war had been accepted in payment for services rendered, were no longer in existence. They had been used to finance armament production. In the export field alone was the answer, and in that direction the nation must devote all its energies.

Mr. Attlee addressed his call to every section of the community; to the workers, for co-operation with employers; a plea to use the means of arbitration as the medium for the settlement of disputes and not the unnecessary strike; to the employers for tolerance over grievances; to the Trade Unions for a revision of some of the older Clauses dealing with the protection of the worker, many of which now prove a handicap to production; and, to the country as a whole, Mr. Attlee said, "You are not just working for wages or profit—you are working for the nation."

University of Flying

An Empire Test Pilot's School, the purpose of which is to train the most highly qualified Test Pilots in the world, has been established at the Aeronautical College, Cranfield, near Bedford. It is commanded by Group Captain H. J. Wilson, A.F.C., who, in the latter part of last year, broke the world's speed record at 606 m.p.h. The course lasts nine months, and all the candidates are specially selected pilots from the R.A.F., the Fleet Air Arm, and the Air Forces of the Dominions and Allied countries. The object is not only to provide pilots who are skilled in the handling of all types of aircraft, but also to give a comprehensive knowledge of the scientific basis of aviation. For

Ex-Convicts Form Association

ALL ONE-TIME POLITICAL PRISONERS AT STANLEY GAOL UNDER THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE "GRADUATES OF STANLEY UNIVERSITY." IT WAS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY AT A REUNION TEA-PARTY HELD AT THE HONG KONG HOTEL ROOF GARDEN BY FORMER INMATES OF THE BLOCK OF CELLS KNOWN AS "G. HALL." PRESENT WERE SOME 20 FORMER PRISONERS OF THE JAPANESE AT STANLEY GAOL AND THEIR GUESTS. THE PRISONERS AT G. HALL WERE KEPT THERE FOR SOME MONTHS BEFORE EXECUTING A JAPANESE COURT MARTIAL TILIT SENTENCED THE MAJORITY TO LONG PRISON TERMS THAT CAME TO AN ABRUPT END WITH THE JAPANESE CAPITULATION.

Just before their release on August 23, 1945, the prisoners held a meeting at the Gaol where they decided to form an association, with Messrs. Ho Sal-wing, Imam Din and L. E. Basto elected to organize it.

The reunion tea-party yesterday was held for the purpose of an election of officers. Elected were Mr. J. H. Ruttonjee, President; Mr. Ho Sal-wing and Dr. P. B. Almada Remedios, Hon. Secretary; Mr. Imam Din, Hon. Treasurer; Mr. L. E. Basto, Mr. Lo Heng-hui, Mrs. Maude E. Basto and Mr. Wong Tee-wing, Committee Members.

In opening the meeting, Mr. L. E. Basto said that the object of the gathering was to keep alive the spirit which was engendered within the walls of Stanley Prison among those present, a spirit of road fellowship born out of mutual trials and privations.

To a majority of the public, Mr. Basto said, it was only recently during the committed proceedings against collaborators that they read of certain modes of torture "la Japonaise."

LEGITIMATE PRIDE

The ordeal of the prisoners did not end, however, with this. It was followed by many months of squatting down, facing the wall, from morning till night. The food consisted only of rice and turnip roots, needles and roots.

"Before I broach the subject of our new association," Mr. Basto said, "let us take our memories back, and see each other in those days when we went through nine months without hair-cut or shave, skin over bones, clothed in rags, bare feet, shivering in cold, half starved, and yet whenever we had a chance, we made a signal to one another stigmatizing 'chins-ua.'

BOARDING HOUSE RAID

Six unemployed Chinese, who were arrested by the Police at the Sun Toi Shan Boarding House, alleged to be a gang from Canton, who had planned to carry out a robbery at a local Chinese Bank, were brought before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday and charged with unlawful possession of arms and ammunition.

It was alleged that when the Police party under the leadership of Detective-Inspector Mackenzie and Watson, raided a room in the Sun Toi Shan Boarding House, Connacht Road Central, two revolvers, an automatic pistol and 11 rounds of ammunition were found in their possession.

At the request of the prosecution, the case was formally remanded for a week.

this purpose, a month of the course is spent at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, the experimental station of the R.A.F., and a further month visiting the factories of many of Britain's leading aircraft manufacturers. Up to the present, more than 50 test pilots have already passed through the school, including some American and Chinese airmen.

Victory Day Anticipation

London is preparing for its greatest festival of pageantry ever staged within its historic walls. Greater than the pomp and ostentation of the Jubilee or the Coronation, Victory Day, June 8th, promises to eclipse anything Londoners have witnessed in the past. The West End hotels are being inundated with requests for accommodation. Many of them are even now booked up to capacity.

Although no official announcement has been made of the route which the Victory Parade will take syndicates, in anticipation, are already buying up prospective sites in the West End. The prices of seats are expected to range from ten shillings to ten pounds. One of the main items of the late-night entertainments will be the firework display, "the display of the century" as the London press describes it, and the flood-lighting of the River Thames. Children of the dominions are being provided with

MARLBOROUGH

RICE CONFISCATED

Found guilty of purchasing 150 catties of rice at a price in excess of the Government-controlled price of 20 cents per catty, Tse Tak Kan was warned by Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday and his rice confiscated.

Accused was arrested by a special constable in Argyle Street on Mar. 1, carrying the rice on a tricycle. Mr. F. X. d'Almada who prosecuted told the Court that accused was a newcomer to the Colony and had no rice ticket. Accused admitted having bought the rice at 20 cents per catty from street hawkers.

Another Chinese, Ho Tung, was summoned before Mr. Latimer for stealing 60 catties of rice. Accused pleaded guilty and said that he took the rice from the hold of a ship on which he was working. Three weeks' hard labour was imposed. Mr. F. X. d'Almada prosecuted.

A motor junk was completely gutted by fire in the Yau Ma Tei moon shelter at about 7.30 p.m. yesterday. A fire boat, which turned out to be the Yau Ma Tei Police Station, which is under control by the

ARMED GANG ARRESTED

Pounding swiftly in a sharp series of "preemptive" raids yesterday evening, the Hong Kong Police arrested a number of men who are believed to be members of a gang of robbers which recently arrived here from Canton.

Led by Detective-Inspector Mackenzie, Waldron and Lau Kam-poon, a squad of detectives from Central Police Station carried out the raids and at 7.30 p.m. arrested four men on the second floor of 161 Queen's Road East. The men were armed with two revolvers.

The Canton gang came here with plans to rob money-changers in the Colony. Several men were arrested a few days ago when they were about to rob the Wing Tai Bank.

ROYAL MARINES INSPECTED

The Commander-in-Chief of the British Pacific Fleet, Admiral Lord Fraser, G.C.B., K.B.E., yesterday inspected at the Murray Parade Ground the 1st Battalion of the Royal Marine Engineers, who are due to leave for the United Kingdom within the next few days.

The several units of the Battalion paraded under the command of Major J. Harvost, R.M. The Commander-in-Chief also inspected a Guard of Honour, under the command of Capt. P. A. Sulzberger, R.M., and later addressed the unit when he congratulated it on its splendid work here and recalled having met the Battalion previously on the landing station.

The Royal Marine Engineers came here from Australia in September and have been instrumental in much of the early reconstruction work at the dockyards and at Stonecutters' Island. The Battalion's Commanding Officer is Major J. H. Freeman, R.M.

In the operations following D-Day, the 1st Battalion, Royal Marine Engineers, was at Dieppe and Le Havre. In March last year, it was sent out to Australia and eventually here.

H.M.S. Duke of York leaves for Sydney via Japan to-day. She is expected in Kure on March 19 and in Tokyo on March 26. She will arrive in Sydney early in April.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY CASE CONTINUES

THE CASE IN WHICH TSUI TSANG YUI, 19, STUDENT, AND CHENG TONG-NEI, 21, CLERK, WERE CHARGED ON TWO COUNTS OF ARMED HIGHWAY ROBBERY IN THE VICINITY OF CAINE ROAD ON FEB. 9 AND 19, WAS CONTINUED AT THE SUMMARY MILITARY COURT BEFORE MR. A. EL ARCULL YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Second accused was additionally charged with unlawfully possessing a .32 Remington automatic revolver at No. 12, Chancery Lane, second floor on Feb. 19.

It was alleged that accused held up Lee Kwok-wing and Miss Chan King on the evening of Feb. 19 at Caine Road near Old Bailey Street, and stole \$436 in Hong Kong currency, a wrist watch, a Parker fountain pen and \$40 in Macao currency.

Accused were also alleged to have been responsible for robbing Mr. Jackson Chun of \$75, a "Conklin" fountain pen, a "Waltham" wrist watch and a cigarette lighter on Feb. 9, at the same place.

Evidence was given yesterday by Detective-Inspector R. Mackenzie and Detective-Inspector D. F. Watson.

Detective-Inspector Watson said that about 7.35 p.m. on Feb. 19 he was informed that motor car No. 147, belonging to the Hong Kong Hotel, had been stolen from Pedder Street. He took the usual Police action.

"About 8.20 p.m. he was informed that an armed highway robbery occurred at Caine Road by two unknown Chinese, and motor car No. 147 was being used, RECOVERED FOUND.

About 11 p.m. the same night, car No. 147 was recovered. At first accused was arrested. At the same time, Inspector McCahey handed over to him property belonging to first accused.

On the following day, at about 1.30 p.m., together with second accused, he went to No. 12, Chancery Lane, second floor, and there he found a .32 Remington automatic revolver loaded with six rounds of ammunition.

On the same day, he saw accused, concerned in the case, handing over to him a .32 Remington automatic revolver loaded with six rounds of ammunition.

Readers' Letters

"WILD, UNTRUE WRITINGS"

Sir.—I think a contributory factor to the present alarming unrest in the world is the wild and untrue writings that appear in the newspapers of all nations. There is a law of libel, which protects the individual from any wild lying by the press, but there is no protection for Governments and nations.

The Chicago Tribune commenting on Mr. Churchill's speech at Fulton, wrote that in any alliance with England the United States have been called upon in the past to furnish 80% of the fighting power and 80% of the money. I suppose there are people who believe this true. In the same issue of the paper reporting this American libel, one reads that the United States Navy Department and the British Admiralty announced jointly that the final score of Axis submarines sunk during the war was 996 of which the British sank 601 and the United States Navy 288½, the balance being credited to unknown causes.

One wonders if the writer of

the Chicago Tribune visited Britain or the Empire during the war, or spent his time in security with plenty in his City so far away from danger. Does he not appreciate that in Great Britain we had compulsory service for everyone except the young old, both men and women?

He obviously does not realize that the people of China in their heroic battle of self-defence against the Japanese aggressor, and this right from the start, when Britain and the United States were still closing the Burma Road and selling scrap iron to Japan.

Now when the presence of Russian troops in Manchuria is so loudly lamented, the far larger number of American troops in China is very conveniently ignored. Whilst I recognize China's right to independence and security, it is obvious that greatness which is her due until she has put her own house in order.

Not being Chinese I do not feel qualified to suggest how this can best be done, but the presence of foreign troops in China—however good their intentions—can only strengthen one of the conflicting factions, thus preventing compromise and causing further conflict, which might very easily spread and cause new world wars.

China, as much as a nation, needs space to build a new and prosperous country. To suggest that a stable peace can be built by Britain, America and China alone, is to ignore the situation in the world to-day and the position of the Soviet Union in particular.

It took the combined strength of the "Big Four" to defeat the aggressors, and this cooperation and unity must be carried forward and maintained, in order to win the peace.

Money Mart

The money market steadied itself yesterday, and fluctuations were within narrow limits.

Chinese national currency opened at HK\$2.40 to ON\$1.00 for futures, and \$2.64 for spot, and closed at \$2.44 and \$2.62 respectively.

Gold opened at \$472 per troy, and closed at \$475.

U.S. dollars have declined to \$4.80 for \$20 bills and \$4.50 for smaller denominations.

English Sterling and Australian pounds have buyers at \$16.80 and \$12.50 respectively.

NOTICE

ANYBODY possessing information regarding the whereabouts of WARREN LUKE CHIN FEN, formerly of Jamaica, and reported to have been in Hong Kong in 1944, is asked to communicate with the Secretariat, Civil Affairs Administration, Lower Albert Road.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG

Import Licences and Foreign Exchange

It is notified for general information that in future applications for Import Licences in respect of goods to be paid for in Italian currency may be forwarded direct to the Imports and Exports Department without passing through the Exchange Control.

W. M. THOMSON, Colonel, Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer (Civil).

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LONDON, MARCH 9.—WHILE SIX YEARS OF WAR REDUCED THE MALE CIVILIAN POPULATION OF BRITAIN BY NEARLY 4,000,000 THE FEMALE POPULATION WAS SLOWLY BUT STEADILY INCREASING UNTIL BY JUNE LAST YEAR IT NUMBERED 200,000 MORE THAN IN 1939.

The story is told to-day in the February issue of the monthly digest of statistics. It reveals that in June last year there were 2,113,000 men of 65 and over in civilian life—more than in any other five-year age group. There were then 18,869,000 male civilians in Great Britain and Northern Ireland and 25,044,000 females. In June 1939 (when members of the forces were included) there were 22,962,000 males, and females numbered 24,759,000.

After "over 65s," baby boys of four and under were the largest age groups last June with 384,000.

The average estimated currency circulating with the public has risen from £446,000,000 in 1938 to £1,000,324,000 in 1946.—Reuters.

Washington, March 9.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation yesterday announced it will bring 5,000 bales of Japanese raw silk to the United States shortly and follow with regular shipments "as soon as possible." Associated Press.

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Financial Talks Open

SAVANNAH, Ga., March 9.—The International Monetary Conference opened here yesterday amid indications that several dollar nations might seek loans from the International Bank before its brief two week inaugural session closes.

High United States delegates expected that the Netherlands, France, Czechoslovakia and China, along with one or more Balkan states might bid for loans shortly after the Bank's executive committee is organised next week.

The Latin-American delegations hinted that the American representatives would fight for equal treatment of borrowing for industrial development along with the shattered European nations needing reconstruction funds.

The first meeting of the two world economic institutions devised at Bretton Woods—the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development—opened with 34 member countries present. Eight countries, including Russia sent observers.

The Russian delegation leader shrank away questions if Russia would join the Bank and Fund since it endorsed it at Bretton Woods but failed to ratify it.—Associated Press.

HONOLULU, March 9.

Two Japanese hiding in the southern part of Guam since the Japanese capitulation have surrendered, the Navy reported yesterday. The Japanese, who had been weano and had been living on jungle foods, did not know the war was over until they found a surrender leaflet, yesterday.—Associated Press.

AMAZING PRICES

The Manchurian situation is being discussed everywhere and the majority have forbodings of war. As the situation becomes sorer, life becomes correspondingly more difficult as the prices of everything increase. National currency is very unstable and even black marketeers give exchange rates far in excess of the advertised black market rates.

It is difficult to believe that the war is over in Canton as prices are far in excess of even those reigning during the Japanese Occupation. Three or four months ago, rice was \$6.00 per picul.

Now it is almost six times that. Most amazing is the price of cigarettes, a pack of Pall Mall selling for \$1.60, and Standard American Brands at \$8.00 to \$1.00.

The situation would be more understandable were it not for the daily shipments received here by C.N.R.R.A. Goods and food-stuffs are coming from Hong Kong through C.N.R.R.A. at a steady rate, but prices continue to soar.

The virtue of the much publicised scheme of distribution of C.N.R.R.A. goods and the repeated reassurances of fairness, have still to be impressed on the local population who, if not iniquitous, are at least indifferent.

LITTLE TO DO

Outside of spending money, there seems little to do. Pleasure seekers leave here for Hong Kong in droves, if for nothing else than to see a movie. If Canton seeing a complete film through has become one of the impossibilities of life. The electric supply is extremely unstable, coming on

French Taking Over In Tonkin China

(By Stan Swinton).

SAIGON, MAR. 9.—FRENCH OCCUPATION TROOPS WERE MOVING INTO OCCUPATION STATIONS IN TONKIN YESTERDAY AFTER HAVING LANDED WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT FOLLOWING THE SHELLING BY SHORE GUNS IN THE PREVIOUS DAY'S MISUNDERSTANDING.

The French high command announced that Tonkin and the capital city of Hanoi were calm, and that Chinese Gen. Lu Shan had arranged for further landings of French forces after ordering Chinese Field Commanders to abstain from any unauthorised hostilities.

A reliable source said that a joint French-Chinese commission is en route to Haiphong, and that by agreement a joint commission of French, Chinese and Annamite Viet Nam representatives is visiting all combat areas to order their troops to cease firing.

In Paris, the French cabinet ratified the Hanoi accord regarding the independence of the Vietnamese Republic.

The "French Federal Union" and approved a referendum on the proposed merger of Tonkin and Cochinchina with Annam.

Negotiations on the future status of all sections of the Indo-Chinese Federation, both among themselves and in their relations with France, are to be held shortly either in Hanoi, Saigon or Paris.—Associated Press.

VATICAN CITY, Mar. 8.—Reliable sources said Pope Pius XII cancelled all audiences scheduled for today because of a heavy cold. Mass was held Tuesday on the feast of St. Joseph.

On Friday, the French cabinet

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GOERING PUTS ON A SHOW

Antics Of No. 1 Nazi At Trial

T.V. Soong On China Economics

Chungking, March 9.
Economic stability is within China's grasp with the enforcement of the new foreign trade regulations, Premier T. V. Soong told the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee in report on the political and economic conditions since he became Prime Minister of China. The report evoked little comment since most of the delegates are convinced that Soong's replacement is due when the government reorganization is completed.

Soong predicted that the first concrete results of the new trade regulations will become clear in two months, that great achievements will be noted in four months and that China will find herself on a strong economic foundation by the end of 1946.

He said the government had taken five measures to get the country back to pre-war stride: Increased taxation; re-opening of foreign trade; expanded production; resumption of communications; and the taking over of operation of Japanese factories.

Soong said economic conditions near the end of the war were bad, with troops uglier-fed and famine prevalent. He said he took much of the blame for resorting to printing excess money to cope with the economic crisis.—Associated Press.

All Not Well In German Politics

BERLIN, MAR. 9.
TWELVE COMMUNISTS WERE ARRESTED YESTERDAY ON CHARGES THAT THEY INTERFERED WITH AND INTIMIDATED GERMAN CIVIL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN THE AMERICAN ZONE OF BERLIN IN PROMOTING A PROPOSED MERGER OF COMMUNIST AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES.

GENERAL RAY BARKER, COMMANDER OF THE BERLIN AMERICAN ZONE, SAID THAT THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOUND THE COMMUNISTS "ATTEMPTING TO PUT PRESSURE ON CIVIL OFFICIALS."

Still Only A Slogan

Chungking, March 9.
The principle of equality of the sexes is still a mere slogan, Madame Chiang Kai-shek declared in a speech commemorating international "women's day."

Real equality can only be won, she said, by continued and more determined exertions of women of all countries. She said Chinese women could serve China and womanhood by improving the national health and eliminating illiteracy.

She urged an eight-hour work day for women and children in factories and mines, and suggested that each educated Chinese woman make it her responsibility to teach several women in her neighbourhood.

Seven thousand women attending the meeting issued a statement expressing hope Russia would respect the Sino-Soviet treaty of last August. The women, mostly students, endorsed the recent agreement for creating a national army and expressed hope of early fulfillment.—Associated Press.

MACA REQUEST

Tokyo, March 9.
Debarkation at Rabaul or some port nearer Sydney of all women and children and male heads of families who boarded the "hell ship" destroyer "Youshik" at Sydney was yesterday requested from the Australian authorities by General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander of the occupation forces in Japan.

General MacArthur asked that a Japanese hospital ship return the debarkees to Japan.

The General termed as "completely erroneous" a suggestion that the Japanese authorities were responsible for the crowding of 200 women and children on the "Youshik."—Associated Press.

Rome, March 9.

The Italian news agency said that police reinforcements arrived yesterday and that the situation is less tense in the town of Austria where nine were reported to have been killed in the past two days in fighting between "insurgents" and police.—Associated Press.

Defense Counsel Opens Case

NUERNBERG, MAR. 9.
HERMANN GOERING PUT HIMSELF ON EXHIBITION YESTERDAY FOR THE BENEFIT OF NEWS PHOTOGRAPHERS IN THE ALMOST EMPTY COURT-ROOM HERE AND AFTER POSING GRANDLY FOR TEN MINUTES PRETENDED TO HAVE BEEN BORED BY IT ALL.

HE SHIELLED HIS CHEST, PULLED IN HIS DUPLET AND PUNCH, GLENCHED HIS FIST ON HIS LEFT HIP AND GLOVED INTO SPACE ON THE TUNNIS STAND WHILE THE CAMERAMEN TOOK PICTURE AFTER PICTURE IN CONNECTION WITH THE BEGINNING OF THE NO. 1 NIZUS DEFENSE.

When it was all over he rubbed his wrinkled red nose and rolled his eyes to the ceiling in simulated boredom. Then he returned to the prisoners' dock where Arthur Seyss-Inquart and Alfred Jodl had been chuckling at his exhibitionistic performance.

Goering's counsel opened his legal fight before the International Military Tribunal for the life of the former No. 2 Nazi with testimony that Goering had argued for peace from the Munich crisis to the eve of the Soviet invasion. He said that Goering also argued against the attack on Russia on the grounds that it violated that "Mein Kampf" principles against a two-front war.

Counsel told of a meeting between Goering and "six or eight Englishmen in the English govern-

ment" near the Danish border in August 1939. He said Goering favoured the survival of the British Empire and pledged his influence to keep peace and asked the English to do the same in London.

QUESTIONS TO NIMITZ

Former Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz was granted the right to submit a written interrogatory to United States Admiral Chester Nimitz to prove in his defense before the War Crimes Tribunal that Germany had followed the accepted practice in sinking merchant ships without warning.

Doenitz seeks to show that the American interpretation of the 1930 London Naval Treaty which embodied "laws and customs of naval warfare" led to the unrestricted use of United States submarines against Japanese shipping in the Pacific, and also to the practice of abandoning merchant crews when rescue operations might have endangered the war craft.

The Tribunal also granted Doenitz the right to use the British Admiralty confidential instructions to merchant vessels to show that British cargo ships were really warships operating under military control with trained crews.

EVIDENCE UNSHAKEN

The Luftwaffe chief Marshal Milch, obviously disappointed in the defense when he took the witness stand presumably to show that Goering had not concurred with Hitler's lynch law treatment of allied airmen, Milch merely denied all knowledge of the mistreatment of allied airmen.

Another Goering witness, the Luftwaffe General Bodenschatz, told the court that Hitler began to lose faith in his Luftwaffe chief after the British bombings of Cologne in 1943. At another point he said he believed Hitler wanted Poland to refuge his demands over Danzig in 1939 so that he could have an excuse for aggressive warfare.

Despite grimaces and head nodding in an effort to coach his witnesses, Goering's opening defense failed to shake the mountains of evidence against him.—Associated Press.

FRANCE AWAITING REPLY

Paris, March 9.

France is awaiting a reply from the United States to her proposal that the United Nations Security Council consider her point of view that General Franco's Spanish Government is a threat to peace.

The Foreign Office currently is carrying on talks with England which sent a negative response to the French proposal. The British reply was not a flat rejection but asked for considerable clarifications.

Foreign Minister Georges Bidault was reported to have told a Cabinet session earlier this week that the British reply indicated England was not anxious to go further than the recent tri-partite declaration against the Franco Government.—Associated Press.

Russian Attitude On Spain

Paris, March 9.

The French Foreign Office said yesterday that Russia had replied favourably to the French proposals to take the Spanish question before the United Nations Security Council. Diplomatic officials in Washington considered the United States virtually certain to oppose the French plan its contention being that the Franco regime, whatever else it might be, is not a threat to international peace and security.

The British have replied to France but the answer has not been published. Statements by Foreign Secretary Bevin and other officials indicated that Britain would decline to join France also for similar reasons as those of Washington.

The Foreign Office, after the details of the Spanish situation were disclosed, said:

Protests Against Malaya Bill

London, March 9.

Employment of applicant's wife after he had joined the forces and the circumstances in which her employment began and ended did not deprive the applicant of his right to reinstatement, states the decision of the umpire in an appeal by a Darlington Club and Institute against a reinstatement committee order to re-employ a former steward.

In refusing the man's original application, the Club had written that his wife had been engaged in his place as stewardess and in October 1939, in his advice, had given notice and withdrawn the £25 bond thus terminating his employment.

The umpire ordered the Club to reinstate the steward at £25 weekly on or before April 1, and that they pay him £52.10s plus the sum estimated at 7 shillings weekly from Feb. 22 to the date of his re-employment. Applicant having been employed at £4.13s weekly from that date.—Reuter.

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STRIKE DEFERRED

Washington, March 9.

President Truman yesterday named a three-man fact finding board to investigate the impending national railway strike, thus automatically deferring a possible walkout for a prescribed 30 to 60 days.

The strike, scheduled to have begun on Monday, would have tied up all the nation's major railways and have paralyzed the country's industry and its agricultural distribution system.—Associated Press.

London, March 9.

The British Overseas Airways European Division is extending its network at the beginning of next week with flights to Copenhagen, Oslo, Marseilles, Rome and Athens, it was learned to-day.—Associated Press.

General Hodge On Korean Problems

SEOUL, MAR. 9.
THE HOPE THAT THE AMERICAN-SOVIET COMMISSION MEETING NEXT WEEK "WILL BE ABLE TO REMOVE THE RESTRICTIONS OF THE 38 PARALLEL SO FAR AS KOREANS ARE CONCERNED" IS VOICED TO-DAY BY LIEUT.-GENERAL JOHN R. HODGE.

The commander of Korea's statement made available to the press said in full:

"Judging from the recent trends in the Korean press there seems to be a growing belief among the Korean people that the 38th Parallel boundary between the American and the Soviet occupation zones has been established by a secret agreement at Yalta or some other meeting of the heads of the great powers."

"This boundary line has no such history," Mr. Byrnes said in his broadcast of December 13, 1945, that "for the purposes of military operation, the occupation was divided north and south of latitude 38 degrees into the Soviet and American areas."

This was done in order to expedite the Japanese surrender, the removal of Japanese from Korea and the repatriation of Koreans. "NOT URGENT"

Lt.-General Hodge disclosed that the American representatives have questioned the Russians at the recent joint conference here about the removal of capital goods from Korea by the Soviets.

There have been continual rumours of the Russians stripping Japanese property from Russian-controlled northern Korea.

He said the Russian delegates held that the question of transplanting capital goods—not otherwise identified—was "not urgent." He noted the Russians as saying that "so far as they knew no removals were taking place and that in any event it was a matter for regulation by each commander in his own zone."—Associated Press.

Observers In North

Baltimore, March 9.

Correspondent Philip Potter of the Baltimore "Sun" group of papers reported from Mukden that the first official United States observer to go north of Chinchoro in Manchuria since Oct. 5 is en route to Mukden.

Potter said the observer, Major Robert B. Rice, assistant military attache in China, soon will be followed by consular officials who have been waiting "for months for permission from Peking."

The last official observer in North Manchuria was office of strategic services (O.S.S.) representative who left in October at Russian request. Potter's dispatch said Major Rice obtained permission in direct negotiations with the Russians "after fruitlessly negotiating through the Chinese."

—Associated Press.

MICKEY REJOINS HIS WIFE

New Jersey, March 9.

Movie-star Mickey Rooney received his discharge from the Army to-day and left immediately for Hollywood to rejoin his wife, Betty Jane and eight month old son, Mickey Junior.

Rooney was in service for 20 months, travelled over 115,000 miles and entertained 2,000,000 GIs. For his services he received the Bronze Star.

He plans also to make another Andy Hardy picture.—Associated Press.

SOMETHING BIG

Washington, March 9.

Representative J. Parnell Thomas declared to-day that foreign espionage efforts to secure atom bomb secrets "have failed both in Canada and in the United States."

Parnell Thomas, who is the leading Republican in the House un-American Activities Committee, said in a statement that the Committee was "on the trial of something big."

He asserted that "the majority of the nation is involved" but declined to disclose details of the committee's investigation.—Associated Press.

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R.M. COMMANDOS BEAT R.A.F.

AFTER A PROMISING START AND HAVING MORE OF THE PLAY IN THE EARLY STAGES, ROYAL AIR FORCE COLLAPSED BADLY IN THE LATTER PART OF THE GAME AND WERE BEATEN BY 44 R.M. COMMANDOS YESTERDAY BY FIVE GOALS TO ONE AFTER SHARING TWO GOALS AT THE INTERVAL.

IN THE OTHER GAME ROYAL NAVY "B" BEAT NAVY "A" BY THREE GOALS TO ONE AND HERE AGAIN IT WAS ONLY LATE IN THE GAME THAT THE WINNERS DID THE SCORING. BOTH GAMES WERE WATCHED BY A FAIR NUMBER OF SERVICEMEN.

Though 44 R.M. Commandos entered the semi-final of the Shield competition by five goals to one, they really did not deserve to win such a large margin and it was only in the latter stages of the game that they were better than the Airmen.

The game started at a fast rate and both goals were visited. Stokes made a welcome return to the Air Force team and was seen in the centre-forward position with Brown supporting him, Swindford, who had gone home, was missed.

Commandos fielded practically the same team which played in the previous League games. Jack was seen in the forward line and Mason played in the defence.

Commandos forwards showed good understanding and generally were the more dangerous when on the move. Both wingers, Williams on the right, and Earsman, on the left, were prominent.

McCrystall off form Williams did well against McCrystall, who was badly off form and he sent over good passes, two of which resulted in goals. Earsman on the left-wing, was given much room and he made the best use of the ball. He crowned a good afternoon's work with two good goals.

Jack worked hard and his goal early in the first half was an excellent effort which had Proctor well beaten. He kept Williams well supplied with good ground passes. Burgess in the leader's position was thrusiful and kept Smith the opposing pivot well occupied.

Wilkes in Commando goal played one of the best games this season. He was peppered with shots from all directions in the opening stages of the second half and brought off some excellent saves. He was sure in his handling of high shots and showed good positioning and anticipation on a number of occasions.

Headon and Waite were safe backs and, though hard pressed early in the game improved greatly later and both were outstanding with their first time clearances. Johnson was a great defender and a stumbling block to the Air Force attack.

R.A.F. DISAPPOINT

The brand of soccer served by the Airmen was, up to a stage, of a high standard. In fact one of the best seen for a long time, but the team was rather disappointing after the Commandos had obtained the lead, admittedly rather luckily.

Proctor, in goal, was not on form and let in two easy goals; added to this McCrystall did not play his usual game and allowed Williams too much freedom so that this winger had time to send over good passes.

The Air Force attack was up against a good defence but the forwards concentrated too much on high shots, and better results might have been achieved had Wilkes been tested with more grounders. Boyd, at outside-right, was prominent with some good runs down the wing.

Stokes led the line well and was well supported by Brown. Air Force opened the scoring early in the game through Stokes but the Commandos were not long in arrears and equalised through Jack.

Late in the closing stages Commandos dominated the play and goals were scored by Earsman (2) and Burgess (2).

Navy "A":—Chambers: Swash and Williams; Jones, O'Dare and Cornish; Barrett, Erwin, Ovenda, Franklin and Lodge.

Cricket "Down Under"

Adelaide, Mar. 9.—The Victorian opening pair, Gordon Tamblyn and Mervyn Harvey, hammered the South Australian bowling here to-day to set up a new first wicket record for Victoria-South Australia cricket match of 246. The previous record was held by Ponsonby and Rice, who in a partnership scored 244 in 1933.

Harvey, scoring freely with excellent all-round strokes, made 163 in three hours, including 18 fours.

Tamblyn played solidly for his 90, scored in just under three hours. They trounced R. S. Ellis, the slow bowler who toured with the Australian services side. His analysis at the close was two wickets for 140 runs. Victoria made 461 for the loss of five wickets when stumps were drawn.

The President vigorously asserted that the United Nations would not be allowed to collapse and he expressed confidence

TO-DAY'S SOCCER

No. 1 Cdo. v. 781 Coy. R.A.S.C. (Navy ground, at 2.30 p.m.) Referee: Mr. A. McCorkindale. Linesmen: L.S. D. Sparrow and Sp. Cherrill.

No. 5 Cdo. v. Eastern (Navy ground, at 4 p.m.) Referee: C.P.O. J. Rogers. Linesmen: Sgt. Pollitt and P.O. G. Taylor.

THE TEAMS

R.A.S.C. (from the following)

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No. 1 Commandos:—Doughty, Giv and Jones, Inkles, Rudrake, Nevans, Stead, Wilson, Savage and Perry.

London, Mar. 9.

The British cruiserweight champion, Freddie Mills, bronzed and fit, is back in London after 12 months with the Royal Air Force training again.

"I want as manyights as possible before I meet the British heavy-weight champion, Bruce Woodcock and I am prepared to go to America for them."

"If Billy Conn wants me, I will help him train for his world title fight against Joe Louis," he said.

He was all smiles when he discussed life in India. "Once Al Robinson of Leeds was a dead rival of mine. But we have toured India together giving more than 50 exhibitions for the troops. We are now such firm friends that he and I will never fight seriously again," Reuter.

EVICTION CASE APPEAL

Two co-occupants of a house were the parties in an appeal against the decision of a Tenancy Tribunal at the Court of Appeal yesterday, with Mr. Leo d'Almeida presiding.

The action was brought by Chan Tong against Miss Chin Fat and was against the decision of the Tenancy Tribunal in refusing an eviction order in respect of the premises at No. 358 Recitation Street, ground floor.

Mr. M. A. da Silva represented the appellant while Mr. P. C. Woo was for the respondent.

Before the commencement of the appeal proper Mr. Silva asked leave to extend the time for filing the notice of appeal. The motion was opposed by Mr. Woo who pointed out that the notice of appeal was not filed within seven days as stipulated.

Following submissions by Mr. Silva the motion was allowed by the Court.

Dealing with the appeal proper Mr. Silva said that the parties were agreed on several common grounds. The premises were rented to appellant and respondent in July, 1943. Rental, as far as opponent was concerned, was paid only for October and November, 1945, from the time that premises were rented.

One other common ground, said Mr. Silva, was that opponent was not in occupation and there was no denial that she had let her part of the premises to another person.

Mr. Woo made an application to call a witness. This was granted and hearing was adjourned to next Saturday afternoon.

Combined Staffs To Continue Work

WASHINGTON, MAR. 9.—PRESIDENT TRUMAN DECLARED TO-DAY THAT THE COMBINED ANGLO-AMERICAN CHIEFS-OF-STAFF WILL CONTINUE TO FUNCTION UNTIL THE WAR EMERGENCY HAS BEEN DECLARED AT AN END. WHETHER IT WILL CONTINUE TO FUNCTION AFTERWARDS, HE SAID, IS A MATTER THAT WILL BE HANDLED WHEN THE WAR EMERGENCY IS OVER.

President Truman declined to that Soviet Russia will go along with the organisation's work.

IRAN SITUATION His comment was prompted by questions as to what might happen if Russia declines to comply with the United States request for immediate withdrawal of Soviet troops from Iran.

That situation, Mr. Truman said, will be handled when it comes up.

A newsman then suggested that Russia's refusal might mean the collapse of the United Nations organisation. The President disagreed strongly and asserted that the United Nations Organisation would not be allowed to collapse. Also, he expressed confidence

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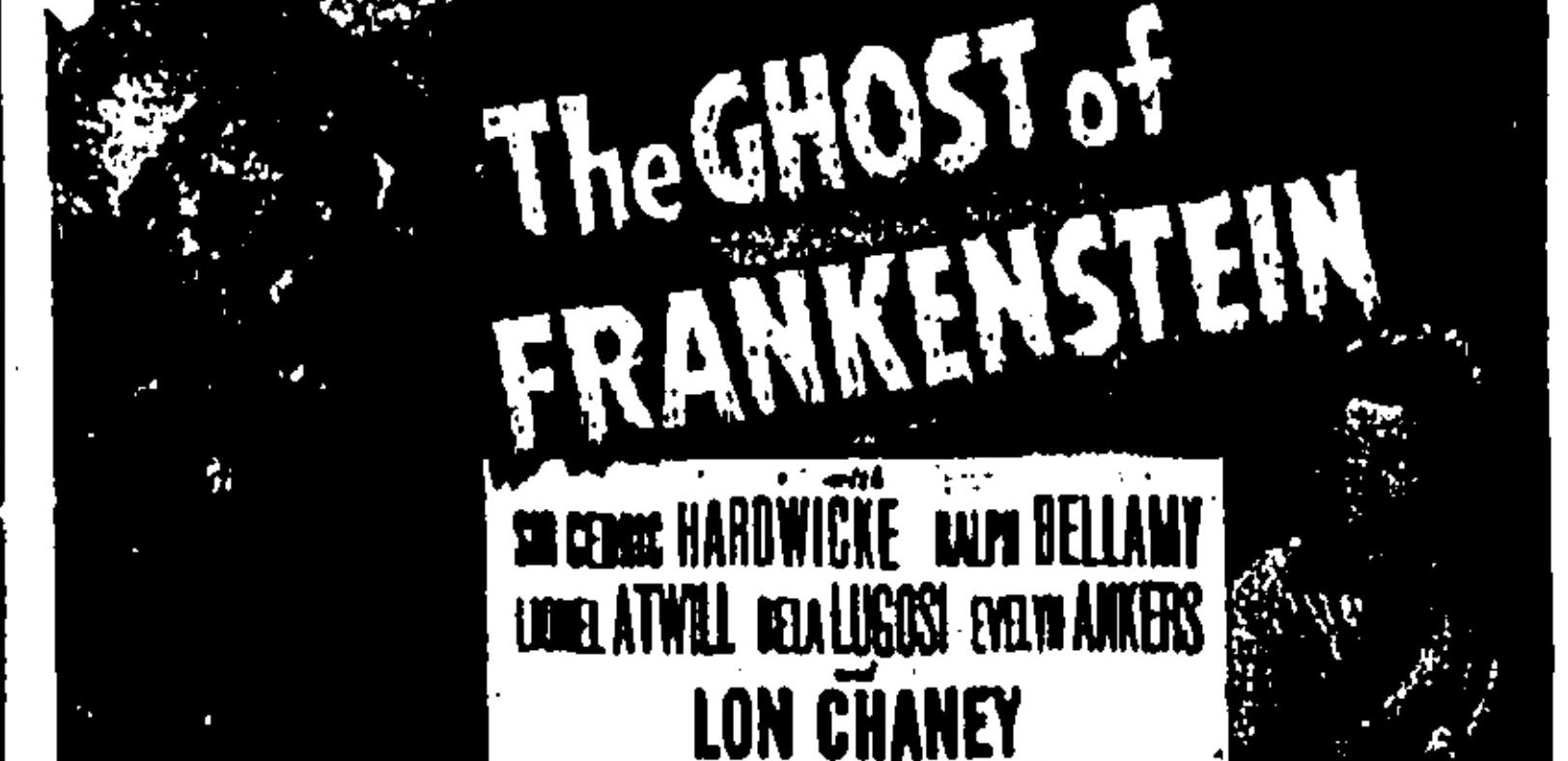
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

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All Civilian Members are informed, Present Membership is cancelled with effect from 31st March, 1946.

Applications for New Membership must be submitted in writing to the Secretary c/o any above Officers' Clubs.

Applications must be supported by one full Service Member as proposer and one full Service Member as Seconder.

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MURDER ENQUIRY

Chungking, Mar. 9.

A Central News Agency dispatch from Chungking yesterday said Soviet military authorities are investigating the slaying of eight Chinese Central Government officials near Fengtien last Jan. 18. It said "bandits" were responsible for the murders.

The report said Chang Shifu, economic commissioner for Manchuria, and seven assistants were kidnapped from a train at Lushun station, near Fengtien, and killed about a mile distant. Search for the killers was continuing after the arrest of two suspects.—Associated Press.

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Next Action

Soviet Troop Movements

CHUNGKING, MAR. 9. CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY REPORTED FROM MUKDEN TO-DAY THAT TRAIN MOVEMENTS OF RUSSIAN TROOPS MIGHT BE AN INDICATION THEY ARE WITH DRAWING FROM MANCHURIA.

The dispatch said Soviet troops were moving northward out of Mukden, with 22 north-bound trains having departed in 48 hours.

The Central News Agency report, however, added there was no sign of troop movements from Changchun, the Manchurian capital.

It said the Chinese Changchun railway was bustling with troop movements from Mukden to Tieling, about 40 miles north.

Actually, in view of reports from American war correspondents who in the past week have been in Mukden, Dairen and Changchun, the railroad movement of the Russian troops might not have any significance.

An Associated Press correspondent reported a few days ago that extensive Soviet military installations and equipment were seen on a trip from Mukden to Dairen, and one report said the Russians were preparing for military maneuvers. Any such maneuvers usually entail the extensive movement of troops.—Associated Press.

GRIM FIGURES

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safety first. Both Z.R.W. and S.E.K. will broadcast at intervals every day appeals and warnings to pedestrians and drivers.

The Press Relations Officer's mobile Public Address system will be used every day both on the island and the mainland. Twenty-three points on the island will be visited and talks given to the crowds through loudspeakers. Ten districts in Kowloon will hear about Safety First principles through the P.A. system.

This is "Safety First" week — a week when all sections of the community — civilians and Services — are expected to remember that the safety of others means the safety of themselves.

10 COMMANDMENTS OF THE ROAD

You don't need to die or cause somebody else if you follow the 10 commandments of the road. Here is the first and greatest: the others will appear during the week.

DRIVERS

1. Concentrate Always on What You Are Doing.

In this, the first and most important commandment for driving, is summed up the remaining nine. As it is the very essence of skill and safety, it may be stretched to include any number of rules and regulations for safe conduct on the road.

Without it, there can be no ultimate skill, no courtesy to other travellers, no true security for men or machine.

Each corner is a problem. Every gear-change is a test. Cross-roads and children are potential dangers. Greasy surfaces are examinations in driving still. None of these problems, tests or dangers can be solved, passed or avoided without concentration. It is the alpha and omega of good driving.

PEDESTRIANS

1. Look Before You Leap.

Never, under any circumstances, cross the road without first looking to the right, then to the left; and keep a careful look-out until you are safely across.

Don't imagine you are going to get across the road now quicker by not troubling to see first what traffic is coming towards you. The chances are, if you don't look first, you never will get across that road.

Remember that if you are crossing a road other than in a pedestrians' safety zone, traffic has priority. Commonsense, for your own protection, demands that you look to the right and then to the left before you start crossing; you also have to consider the safety of the motorist who may be forced to swerve to avoid hitting you if you suddenly dart out into the road without warning.

TO-MORROW'S COMMANDMENTS

For Drivers: — Show Courtesy to other Travellers.

For Pedestrians: — Don't Jay-walk.

CHUNGKING RUMOUR State Council May Resign

Dr. Soong To Go To Canada?

HITLER HAD NO CHILDREN

Herford, March 9. Adolf Hitler's Luftwaffe Adjutant, Colonel Nicolaus Von Below, told British questioners he was certain that Hitler and Eva Braun had no children. Von Below told questioners that Hitler told him it would be "impossible and wrong" for him to have descendants because of "personal and public reasons." Von Below said he saw Eva frequently between 1937 and 1945 and would have known if she had been pregnant.—Associated Press.

Americans Not Welcome Here

(By Spencer Davis.)

AMID AN EXTRAVAGANT DISPLAY OF RUSSIAN FLAGS AND BANNERS ALONG CHANGCHUN'S MAIN BOULEVARD, A LONE AMERICAN FLAG IS FLYING UPSIDE DOWN. IT TYPIFIES SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS AT THE MOMENT IN THIS RED ARMY-DOMINATED CAPITAL OF MANCHURIA.

The only Americans in town have been eight correspondents and a British colleague who were interned for 53 hours for arriving without official sanction. In Changchun, where China is represented only by a military mission and civilian officials, Marshal Rodion Malinovsky, chief of the Soviet forces in Manchuria, is beating the drums of Sino-Soviet friendship and warning other nations to keep their hands off.

Reliable sources quoted Malinovsky as saying at a banquet last week that Russia would stand for no interference in her relations with China and "we don't want those with gold in their pockets to come in and handicap our friend-ship."

He was also quoted as saying at the same banquet that if a hand of interference is thrust before Russia and China, "the Red Army will cut it off."

IN GUARDHOUSE

Two days later, while our group of correspondents was still in confinement, Malinovsky issued a statement to the Chinese press that the Russian army would withdraw from Manchuria before, and certainly not later than, the American army is withdrawn from China.

This statement aroused deep scepticism among foreign and Chinese observers.

We nine were unable to interview Malinovsky during our five days in Changchun. We felt as though we were in a guardhouse and were threatened with expulsion to South China once we had approached Malinovsky's headquarters in an effort to obtain confirmation of the statements attributed to him.—Associated Press.

How Moscow Reported It

Moscow, Mar. 9. The Russian people received their first accounts of Winston Churchill's Fulton speech when newspapers published a "Tass" dispatch from New York.

Tass said Mr. Churchill "delivered a speech in extremely aggressive tone. In particular, Churchill demands creation of an Anglo-American military alliance opposed to the Soviet Union."

The dispatch said the speech met no approval in Congress circles and added that reception was lukewarm in Britain. The article appeared on page three of the Soviet Government newspaper "Izvestia."—Associated Press.

Hastings Murder Trial

Hastings, Mar. 9. Sidney John Smith, 24, of Lansford Cross near Boxhill, was at Hastings to-day charged with murdering John Whatman (Old John) 71-year-old horse-slaughterer and dealer of "The Choice," Blackpatch Lane, Hollington near Hastings on March 2 and was remanded until next Thursday.—Reuters.

RUMOURS WERE CURRENT IN CHUNGKING TODAY THAT MEMBERS OF THE STATE COUNCIL INTEND TO RESIGN EN BLOC BEFORE THAT BODY IS REORGANISED. REORGANISATION OF THE STATE COUNCIL WAS AMONG THE DECISIONS OF THE RECENT INTER-PARTY POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE, WHEN EFFECTED, THE STATE COUNCIL WILL BE THE SUPREME ORGAN OF THE STATE. IT WILL BE COMPOSED OF 40 MEMBERS HALF OF WHOM WILL BE MEMBERS OF THE KUOMINTANG AND THE REMAINDER REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER PARTIES AND NON-POLITICAL GROUPS.

The reorganised council which, according to present calculations, will come into being around the turn of this month will be an interim body which will function until the general elections are held under the new constitution to be adopted by the National Assembly opening in Nanking on May 6.

According to general principles laid down by the Political Consultative Conference the Legislative Yuan will become an elected body and will have in most respects the functions of the United States House of Representatives. As such it would virtually take over from the reorganised State Council.

DISSATISFIED BLOC

The dissatisfied bloc of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang continued its attacks on the decisions of the recent Political Consultative Conference mainly on the ground that too many sacrifices were made to the Communists and other parties.

Nevertheless, acceptance of agreements as urged by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and several other leaders of the Kuomintang is regarded as certain. The present session which began on March 1 has been characterised by outspoken criticism of government as a whole and of certain individual members notably Foreign Minister Wang Shih-chieh.

Several members condemned the manner in which the Government set about the task of taking over Manchuria and dissatisfaction was expressed with the work of General Hsiung Hih-chih, director of the Generalissimo's Headquarters in Manchuria.

Several members proposed that the Minister of War, General Chen Cheng should be appointed to succeed General Hsiung.—Associated Press.

DR. WANG TO RESIGN

Chungking, Mar. 9. The "People's Daily" reported that Foreign Minister Wang Shih-chieh, who has been the target of attacks of fellow party members during the current Kuomintang Congress, intends to resign before the adjournment of the conference. The session is expected to last another week.

Minister Wang has been charged within the party with being weak-kneed in the nation's policy toward Russia and with a too conciliatory attitude toward other Chinese political parties.

At the same time the Catholic newspaper "Social Welfare" reported that Dr. T. V. Soong, whose elimination from the premiership when the Government is reorganized has been predicted, will visit Canada and the United States after the Congress adjourns.—Associated Press.

A.P. PROTESTS

Budapest, March 9. A protest against Russian censorship of outgoing news dispatches has been filed with the Allied Control Commission by Jack Quinn, the Associated Press correspondent.

The protest asserted that the Russian censor in Budapest has been withholding for the last fifteen days a dispatch quoting American sources as saying that American properties in Hungary had suffered \$25,000,000 damage from the Russian operations.

It also said that the Russian censor had deleted parts of at least two other dispatches. (This dispatch, filed by Quinn in Budapest, was presumably passed through the Russian censorship).—Associated Press.

Capetown, Mar. 9. The net value of the estate of Sir Abe Bailey, financier and sportsman, who died in August, 1940, was \$5,000,000. It was disclosed here to-day.—Reuters.

CHURCHILL'S ESCAPE

Richmond, Va., March 9. Former Premier Churchill and a leader of the Virginia Senate narrowly escaped injury when two frightened white horses harnessed to an ancient coach carrying them bucked, plunged and almost ran away.

The accident caused the cancellation of the scheduled horse-drawn tour in this aged Colonial Capital of old Virginia.

Photographers' flashbulbs were blamed for startling the horses. The trip continued by automobile.—Associated Press.

Reuter says that Gen. Eisenhower was with Mr. Churchill at the time.

CHURCHILL PLAN AND U.N.O.

Chicago, March 9. An immediate military alliance between Great Britain and the United States proposed by Churchill might destroy the U.N.O. as it is present stands, President John Knight of the American Society of newspaper editors, told a Rotary International gathering.

The publisher asserted that the U.N.O. should be given every opportunity to solve its present difficulties before any move is made which might wreck it beyond hope of recovery.

Knight said he had had several conversations with Mr. Churchill and the former British War Secretary, Mr. Horace Bell.

Knight declared that an American-British military alliance was unnecessary and "England knew well and history proves we would never stand idly by while they are victim of an aggressor."—Associated Press.

CONFIDENCE IN LABOUR

Polling everywhere was low. Generally, the results have confirmed the country's confidence

Labour Consolidating Its Position

LONDON, MAR. 9. THE LABOUR PARTY HAS CONSOLIDATED THE STRENGTH IT GAINED IN THE COUNTRY IN THE GENERAL ELECTIONS LAST JULY AND IN THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER BY FURTHER GAINS IN THIS WEEK'S COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN LONDON AND THROUGHOUT ENGLAND.

Up to date, Labour has gained over 300 seats, with results from several counties still to come. The gains are spread all over the country. In rural Norfolk Labour gained 16 seats. In Kent and on the doorstep of London it has increased its representatives by 21.

In the Welsh county of Carmarthen the Party has won five more seats. West Riding of Yorkshire and the midland county of Nottingham returned Labour majorities for the first time. So, too, did Derbyshire and Middlesex.

The results of the London County Council elections have put Labour in control of the largest municipality in the world for another three years with an increased majority.

The London County Council administrator in an area of 117 square miles, with a population of roughly 4,500,000 and an annual budget of around £50,000,000, Labour held 90 out of the 124 seats. The results in two London boroughs are still to be declared.

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Signal To "Yoizuki"

Sydney, Mar. 9.

General MacArthur's statement that his headquarters was not responsible for the condition aboard the "Yoizuki"—Japanese destroyer which left Sydney alleged to be dangerously overcrowded with Japanese repatriates and Formosan women and children—has been regarded in Canberra as a complete vindication of the stand taken by the press against the Australian Government on this issue, according to the Canberra correspondent of the "Sydney Sun."

The Prime Minister, Mr. Chifley, and the Minister of Exterior Affairs, Dr. Evatt, are conferring on General MacArthur's statement and, according to the "Sydney Sun," an urgent signal will be sent to the captain of the "Yoizuki," ordering him to put into the nearest port to disembark the women and children.

Mr. A. J. Harrison, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, and some Labour Unionists which supported the press against the Government's decision, are now demanding that a Royal Commission be appointed to investigate the affair. The Amalgamated Wireless Corporation at Melbourne has been trying to contact the "Yoizuki" but so far it has not succeeded.—Reuters.

RADIO

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 1946.

STUDIO—ATT CARNEIRO AND HIS ENSA HONG KONG ORCHESTRA

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PEACE HOPES

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Mr. John Singleton read from a Jewish agency memorandum submitted to the committee which said that plans were worked out for absorption of the first million Jews and once the Jewish majority was established in Palestine then a Jewish State will have been established.

He said he believed that the Arabs later will be convinced that what they lose in political independence "will be compensated by other gains."—Associated Press.

CARDINAL DIES

DUBLIN, MAR. 9. JOHN CARDINAL GLENNON, 83, ARCHBISHOP OF ST. LOUIS AND OLDEST OF THE 32 CARDINALS ELECTED ON FEBRUARY 21 AT THE VATICAN CITY DIED AT 8.51 G.M.T. TO-DAY IN THE HOME OF SEAN O'KEELLY, PRESIDENT OF ELITE.

The Irish-born prelate succumbed to complications following a lung congestion. His death has reduced the membership of the Sacred College of Cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church to 63.

Gleeson became 81st Dublin

white, on route home from the Papal consistory. He regaled

connoisseurs shortly before he died and recognized his friends.

Associated Press.

Telegraph sources said, are returning to Poland and went to forced labour battalions in punishment.

He was caught by the Polish frontier guards in the Exchange

An announcement in yesterday's "Gazette" stated: Mr. G. C. Yip Kiu Sin and Mr. Howard To hold a Summary Military Court Class I, sitting alone.

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